

# MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## 2005 OVERBOARD DISCHARGE

### ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE

Since 1989 the State of Maine has funded the administration of the overboard discharge (OBD) licensing and inspection programs with several fees paid by OBD licensees. This fee is called the **Annual Fee**.

The **Annual Fee** is calculated using a base fee assigned according to the license category (set in statute and adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index) plus a volume fee of \$0.05 per gallon of licensed discharge for the facility (*see chart below*).

FEE CALCULATION CHART					
Code	Facility Type & Volume (gallons per day)	Base Fee		Volume Fee	Max. Fee
5A	Residential up to 600 gpd	\$179	+	\$0.05/gallon licensed flow	\$209
5B	Residential over 600 gpd	\$205	+	\$0.05/gallon licensed flow	\$615
5C	Commercial	\$215	+	\$0.05/gallon licensed flow	\$1,231
5D	Publicly owned	\$215	+	\$0.05/gallon licensed flow	\$513
<b>Example:</b> A Code 5A license for a single-family residential dwelling licensed to discharge 300 gallons per day would be charged an annual fee of \$194 [ $\$179 \text{ base fee} + (300\text{gpd} \times \$0.05) = \$194$ ].					

#### FEE REDUCTION

Starting in 2004, there is only one available reduction to annual fees.

**If your adjusted gross income is less than \$15,000 you may reduce your fee by \$125.**

To qualify for this reduction, send us the first page of Federal Form 1040 for tax year 2002 or 2003, demonstrating your income is less than \$15,000 per year. **If you do not file taxes because your only income is from Social Security, please make a note of this on your pre-bill or invoice and we will reduce your fee.**

**Please note:** Reductions for service contractors and inactive facilities have been eliminated.

#### SYSTEM REMOVAL

If you remove your OBD system before June 1, 2005, you do not have to pay the annual fee. Please notify us of your plans as soon as possible.

**Please Note:** If you have a mechanical treatment system, you are still required to retain a service contractor for year-round system maintenance. DEP staff verifies all contracts with the service contractors annually and during license renewals and transfers. If you do not have a mechanical system, you are not required to have a service contractor.

Failure to pay, the Annual Fee within 60 days may result in progressive enforcement action including additional fines and penalties. If you are unable to provide payment within 60 days, please contact your project manager to arrange a payment schedule that will enable you to avoid enforcement action.

## ✓ CUSTOMER CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Have we listed your address correctly?**
- ☐ **If you qualify for a fee reduction, did you attach the first page of Federal Form 1040 for the tax year 2003 or 2004?** If your adjusted annual gross income is \$15,000 or less, your fees will be reduced by \$125 this year only if you attach documentation! **The fee reduction is available residential discharges owned by individuals with low incomes. Businesses, corporations, partnerships, trusts are not eligible for this reduction.**
- ☐ **If you are having trouble paying your bill, have you called us to set up a payment plan?**
- ☐ **If you are you planning to sell your property, have you (or your realtor) contacted us? You are REQUIRED to contact us BEFORE you close!** (Even better, contact us when you list your property!).
- ☐ **If you are planning major renovations to your property or a change in use, have you contacted us to discuss your plans?** Please call us before you start work. Calling in the planning stage may help avoid difficult and often expensive problems in the future. License or permit restrictions may not allow expansions, additions, or conversions to year-round use. Please take the time to read your license or permit carefully; there may be requirements or restrictions that may affect your future plans for the property.

**If you have any questions, please call us.**

**From outside Maine call (207) 287-3901 then ask for the OBD program**

**From inside Maine call (800) 452-1942 then ask for the OBD program**

**⚡ Remember** - your sewage treatment system contains living organisms that clean the waste before discharging to the ocean or river. Don't use harsh, concentrated, chemicals and use water carefully and consistently. Careful use will prevent chemicals and poorly treated waste from going into the ocean or river and extend the life of your system.

**If you wouldn't pour it into the ocean, don't pour it down your drain!**